

**ADDENDUM TO TRINITY MONTESSORI'S SCHOOL
REOPENING PLAN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021-2022
(Updated as of September 2, 2021)**

Trinity Montessori School's prior Reopening Plan for the Year 2020-2021, as described on our website, remains in force with the exception of the following changes

- ⑩ For the school year 2021-2022 our operating hours are as follows:

Toddlers: Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Primary: Monday-Friday 8:30am-11:30am (half day students)

Extended Day and Elementary: Monday-Friday 8:30-3:00pm

- ⑩ There are no longer any quarantine requirements for travel, however, we request that parents notify our school nurse, Phil Maniaci, when traveling outside the area with your child, including the dates traveled and location of the area traveled to.
- ⑩ Quarantine times have been changed by the NYSDOH from 14 days to 10 days, after having been designated as having been in “close contact” with a positive case of Covid -19. There can be an “opt-out” of quarantine measures, for those who are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, with a negative PCR, 3-5 days after exposure to a covid positive individual.
- ⑩ The term “close contact” is stated by the CDC to be “contact between unmasked, unvaccinated individuals, for more than 15 minutes (cumulatively) in any given day.
- ⑩ Physical Distancing Strategies include maintaining cohorts throughout the day, requiring a minimum of three feet between desks and work mats when masked, six feet of distance when unmasked, i.e. during snack time and lunch, utilizing outdoor areas as much as possible, including but not limited to our outdoor tent, Nichol's Knoll and the Peace Garden area for outdoor classes or lessons.

- ⑩ Universal masking is required at all times for everyone, when in our building or when outside in close contact.
- ⑩ All teachers at Trinity Montessori School are fully vaccinated.
- ⑩ TMS will conduct random covid testing, (using the Abbott Binex NOW test) of 15% of our students and staff monthly, in an ongoing effort to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 through asymptomatic exposure, with appropriate parent or guardian consent for minors.
- ⑩ According to NYSDOH Commissioner's Determination, “All school, students, teachers and staff with new or worsening symptoms of **Covid-19 must** be excluded from school, regardless of vaccination status, and either a) provide a Negative COVID test result, or b) remain excluded from school for a minimum of 10 calendar days from symptom onset, prior to returning to school. If student, teacher or staff symptoms are improving **AND** they are fever free for at least 24 hours without any fever reducing medicines, they may return to school with either a note from their healthcare provider indicating a **negative** Covid test result or a copy of the negative test result” . Given the growing prevalence of breakthrough infections among vaccinated populations nationwide, there is **no** recommended exemption for **symptomatic people**.

⑩ Exceptions to the testing requirement set forth above include:

a) Individuals with symptoms that are attributable to pre-existing medical conditions (e.g. migraines, allergies) and are not new or worsening do not require school exclusion or;

b) if the Healthcare provider provides a diagnosis of a known chronic condition with unchanged symptoms, or a confirmed acute illness (e.g. laboratory confirmed influenza, strep throat) and **COVID-19 is not** suspected, then a **note explaining the alternate diagnosis is required** before a student, teacher or staff member may be allowed to return to school. Such individuals may return to school according to the usual guidelines for that diagnosis.

